<u>REMARKS</u>

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2004. Claims 1-34 were pending and the Office Action rejected all claims. Specifically, Claims 19-23 and 25-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In addition, Claims 1-20, and 23-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tsuboi et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,958,221). Claims 21-22 and 32-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuboi.

In response, the Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 and 24 to include additional limitations that are neither taught nor suggested by Tsuboi, and Claims 19-23 were cancelled. Specifically, in the present invention, if an operator doesn't wish to print a current result (obtains a negative result in step 2 of the flowchart of Fig. 2), the CPU 3 proceeds to step 3 and updates the parameter value of the present set image P0 to a parameter value based on the settings of P1 to P6. The CPU 3 then proceeds to step 4 in the flowchart of Fig. 2. Note that this loop can be repeated many times (step 2 to step 4). The flowchart specifically depicts a scenario where the "tint" is changed. This specific embodiment, however, is supportive of the process whereby any number of picture parameters are varied (as is discussed in the specification). In the claims, this process of repeating the adjustment process has been added as follows:

> and said image processor updates said image based on the present setting by one of the image processing settings that are different from each other, and generates updated second print data for a frame image obtained by arranging entire images including said updated image based on the present setting and several kinds of images by applying image processing settings that are different from each other in a predetermined arrangement pattern

So, the "updated second print data" is the data that is formed by repeating through the loop of the flowchart. This limitation is neither taught nor suggested by Tsuboi and the current claims should be allowable for at least this reason.

With respect to the 112 rejection of Claims 25-34, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are fully supported by the specification, and specifically by the flowchart of Fig. 2. If the Examiner disagrees, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner specifically point out which language is not supported and why the Examiner believes that is the case. Merely repeating the claim language, and stating it is unsupported in insufficient support for the 112 rejection.

It is now believed that claims are in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2603, referencing Attorney Docket No. 351778.04000. A duplicate sheet is attached.

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